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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 July 2010.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 9-18 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1,2,5 and 9-18 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SI.08)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Interval Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
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DETAILED ACTION

This Office Action is in response to Applicant's Remarks and Amendments filed July 26, 2010.

Claims 1-2, 5, and 9-18 are pending and herein considered.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments with respect to Applicant's newly added limitations have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the outstanding rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Applicant's claim amendments and United States Patent No. 6,230,098 B1 to Ando et al.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-2, 5, and 9-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being unpatentable over United States Patent No. 6,856,820 B1 to Kolls and further in view of United States Patent No. 6,230,098 B1 to Ando et al.

Regarding **claim 1**, Kolls discloses a service providing system (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20), including, at least, a plurality of electronic appliances, a service server (Internet based server), a communication network, and an authentication server being connected to the communication network; each electronic appliance (in-vehicle device) being equipped with a wireless communication terminal function and being assigned a unique device ID, and the service server (Internet based server) having a function for providing a predetermined service and storing said unique device ID for each electronic appliance to which service can be provided, the service providing system comprising; authentication process means for allowing a communication terminal apparatus (global appliance/internet appliance) to access a respective electronic appliance (in-vehicle device) only when the communication terminal apparatus (global appliance/internet appliance) has been authenticated; registration means for registering said unique device ID assigned to said each electronic appliance and transmission means for using said unique device ID to provide access to a specified service, via communication network, from the service server (Internet based server) to a specified electronic appliance and transmitting service information, which has a predetermined content for realizing the specified service, to the specified electronic appliance, in which the communication terminal apparatus and the service server can access the electronic appliance only through the authentication server (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20; col.14 lines 11-49; col.26 lines 65-67; col.55 lines 4-23), and in which said service information indicates an update for map information is available for the specified electronic appliance, and wherein the transmission means transmits to the specified electronic

appliance update data for the map information responsive to a request for the update data for the map information transmitted over the communication network by the specified electronic appliance (col.20 lines 60-68; col.32 lines 49-67; col. 34, lines 20-34; col. 40, lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col. 44 lines 32-39).

While Kolls clearly discloses the requesting and downloading of updates including those relevant to geographical location and other map data throughout his specification (see col.34 lines 20-34; col.40 lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col.44 lines 1-39, 56-64; col.45 lines 52-60), Kolls fails to particularly point out where that that update data requested by the specified electronic appliance and transmitted to the appliance only includes one or more differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information.

Ando discloses a map data processing apparatus, method and system whereby map data storage within a vehicle's GPS may be updated using the latest map data transmitted from an information center whereby the information transmitted to the GPS is differential data indicative of difference between the latest data held by the center and the map data held by the vehicle (GPS) (see Abstract; Figures 3-4; col.6 line 60 thru col.7 line 17).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include within Kolls the updating of a GPS's map data through the transmission of differential data as described in Ando to provide for updated route information while reducing transmission time.

Regarding **claim 2**, Kolls discloses a service providing system (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20), including, at least, a plurality of electronic appliances, a service server (Internet based server), a communication network, and an authentication server being connected to the communication network; each electronic appliance (in-vehicle device) being equipped with a wireless communication terminal function, and being assigned a unique device ID, and the service server (Internet based server) having a function for providing a predetermined service and storing said unique device ID for each electronic appliance to which service can be provided, the service providing system comprising; authentication process means for allowing a communication terminal apparatus (global appliance/internet appliance) to access a respective electronic appliance (in-vehicle device) only when the communication terminal apparatus (global appliance/internet appliance) has been authenticated; first transmission means for providing access, via said communication network, from one of said electronic appliances to said service server (Internet based server) and transmitting information which has a predetermined content that can be used by a specified service from said one of said electronic appliances to said service server (Internet based server); and second transmission means for using said unique device ID to provide access to a specified service, via said communication network, from said service server (Internet based server) to a specified electronic appliance and transmitting service information, which has a predetermined content for realizing the specified service, to the specified electronic appliance only through the authentication server (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20); in which the communication terminal apparatus and the service server can access the electronic

appliance only through the authentication server (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20; col.14 lines 11-49; col.26 lines 65-67; col.55 lines 4-23), in which said service information indicates update data for map information is available for the specified electronic appliance, and wherein the second transmission means transmits to the specified electronic appliance the update data for the map information responsive to a request for the update data for the map information transmitted over the communication network by the specified electronic appliance (col.20 lines 60-68; col.32 lines 49-67; col. 34, lines 20-34; col. 40, lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col. 44 lines 32-39).

While Kolls clearly discloses the requesting and downloading of updates including those relevant to geographical location and other map data throughout his specification (see col.34 lines 20-34; col.40 lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col.44 lines 1-39, 56-64; col.45 lines 52-60), Kolls fails to particularly point out where that that update data requested by the specified electronic appliance and transmitted to the appliance only includes one or more differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information.

Ando discloses a map data processing apparatus, method and system whereby map data storage within a vehicle's GPS may be updated using the latest map data transmitted from an information center whereby the information transmitted to the GPS is differential data indicative of difference between the latest data held by the center and the map data held by the vehicle (GPS) (see Abstract; Figures 3-4; col.6 line 60 thru col.7 line 17).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include within Kolls the updating of a GPS's map data through the transmission of differential data as described in Ando to provide for updated route information while reducing transmission time.

Regarding **claim 5**, Kolls discloses a service providing system (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20), composed of an electronic appliance, a communication network, a communication terminal apparatus, and an authentication server, the electronic appliance (in-vehicle device) being one of an electronic appliance that is equipped with a mobile communication terminal function and a mobile communication terminal apparatus (global appliance/internet appliance) with a fixed access path to the communication network and the authentication server being connected to said communication network, the service providing system comprising; access means that enables the communication terminal apparatus (global appliance/internet appliance) to access the electronic appliance via the communication network using a device ID store in a service server that has been assigned uniquely to the electronic appliance, the communication terminal apparatus accessing the electronic appliance only through the authentication server; terminal ID generating means, provided on said communication network, for generating a terminal ID for said communication terminal apparatus using information that identifies said fixed access path by which said communication terminal apparatus accesses said communication network; registration means for registering said unique device ID assigned to each electronic appliance and authentication process

means provided in said authentication server, for using said terminal ID to perform an authentication process for said communication terminal apparatus that has accessed the authentication server and allowing said communication terminal apparatus to access said electronic appliance only when the communication terminal apparatus has been authenticated; and transmission/reception means for receiving and transmitting service information, which has a predetermined content for realizing a specified service, between said communication terminal apparatus that has been authenticated by said authentication process means and said electronic appliance (uniquely identify and transfer information), in which the service server can access the electronic appliance only through the authentication server (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20; col.14 lines 11-49; col.26 lines 65-67; col.55 lines 4-23), in which said service information indicates update data for map information is available for the electronic appliance, and wherein the transmission/reception means transmits to the electronic appliance update data for the map information responsive to a request for the update data for the map information transmitted over the communication network by the electronic appliance (col.20 lines 60-68; col.32 lines 49-67; col. 34, lines 20-34; col. 40, lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col. 44 lines 32-39).

While Kolls clearly discloses the requesting and downloading of updates including those relevant to geographical location and other map data throughout his specification (see col.34 lines 20-34; col.40 lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col.44 lines 1-39, 56-64; col.45 lines 52-60), Kolls fails to particularly point out where that that update data requested by the specified electronic appliance and transmitted to the appliance only

includes one or more differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information.

Ando discloses a map data processing apparatus, method and system whereby map data storage within a vehicle's GPS may be updated using the latest map data transmitted from an information center whereby the information transmitted to the GPS is differential data indicative of difference between the latest data held by the center and the map data held by the vehicle (GPS) (see Abstract; Figures 3-4; col.6 line 60 thru col.7 line 17).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include within Kolls the updating of a GPS's map data through the transmission of differential data as described in Ando to provide for updated route information while reducing transmission time.

Regarding **claim 9**, Kolls discloses a communication apparatus (col.2 lines 5-65) for controlling communication between a plurality of electronic appliances, each electronic appliance being connected to a network, being provided with a unique device ID for identifying the electronic appliance, and being capable of transmission, the communication apparatus comprising communication means for communicating with another communication apparatus via said network; storage means for storing group information in which the plurality electronic appliances, which are permitted to communicate between themselves after the communication is authenticated, are registered as a group; authentication process means for allowing a communication

terminal apparatus (global appliance/internet appliance) to access the electronic appliance (in-vehicle device) only when the communication terminal apparatus (global appliance/internet appliance) has been authenticated; registration means for registering said unique device ID assigned to each electronic appliance; a service server operable to provide service information to one or more of the electronic appliances; and judgment means for judging, based on unique device IDs transmitted via the network before communication commences between said plurality electronic appliances and group information stored in said storage means, whether the communication is permitted; control means for having said communication means transmit a result judgment means to an exchange apparatus that is connected to said network and performs an exchange process for communication between electronic appliances based on the transmitted unique device IDs, in which the respective device and the service server can access the respective electronic appliance or appliances only through the authentication server (uniquely identify and transfer information) (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20; col.14 lines 11-49; col.26 lines 65-67; col.55 lines 4-23), in which said service information indicates update data for map information is available for the one or more of the electronic appliances, and wherein the service server provides to the one or more of the electronic appliances the update data for the map information responsive to a request for the update data for the map information transmitted over the network by the one or more of the electronic appliances (col.20 lines 60-68; col.32 lines 49-67; col. 34, lines 20-34; col. 40, lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col. 44 lines 32-39).

While Kolls clearly discloses the requesting and downloading of updates including those relevant to geographical location and other map data throughout his specification (see col.34 lines 20-34; col.40 lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col.44 lines 1-39, 56-64; col.45 lines 52-60), Kolls fails to particularly point out where that that update data requested by the specified electronic appliance and transmitted to the appliance only includes one or more differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information.

Ando discloses a map data processing apparatus, method and system whereby map data storage within a vehicle's GPS may be updated using the latest map data transmitted from an information center whereby the information transmitted to the GPS is differential data indicative of difference between the latest data held by the center and the map data held by the vehicle (GPS) (see Abstract; Figures 3-4; col.6 line 60 thru col.7 line 17).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include within Kolls the updating of a GPS's map data through the transmission of differential data as described in Ando to provide for updated route information while reducing transmission time.

Regarding **claim 10**, Kolls discloses wherein a wireless communication is performed between said electronic appliances and the exchange apparatus (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20).

Regarding **claim 11**, Kolls discloses wherein said electronic appliances are navigation apparatuses (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20).

Regarding **claim 12**, Kolls discloses wherein one or more of said electronic appliances are mobile telephones (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20).

Regarding **claim 13**, Kolls discloses wherein each of said electronic appliances is connected to said communication means in said exchange apparatus, and when communicating, each of said electronic appliances transmits said unique device ID to said communication apparatus, said exchange apparatus transmits a communication means ID for specifying said communication means to said communication apparatus, said communication apparatus authenticates said electronic appliance based on said group information, by referring combination of said transmitted unique device ID and said transmitted communication means ID (col.1 lines 40-48, col.5 lines 42-63).

Regarding **claim 14**, Kolls discloses wherein the group information is generated when an electronic appliance communicates with the communication apparatus via the network (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20).

Regarding **claim 15**, Kolls discloses wherein the group information also includes content data that can be used by the electronic appliances which are registered in the group information (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20).

Regarding **claim 16**, Kolls discloses wherein the content data is geographical information (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20).

Regarding **claim 17**, Kolls discloses a service providing system operable within the Internet, said system comprising a navigation unit operable to provide navigational and positional information, said navigation unit being assigned a unique identification ID (col.32 line 49 through col.33. line 34); a service server operable to provide a predetermined service and to store said unique ID for said navigation unit to which service can be provided (col.34 lines 36-62; col.35 lines 1-15); a communication network connectable to the Internet (col.34 lines 19-43); an authentication server operable to determine if access to the navigation unit is permissible (col.14 lines 11-49; col.26 lines 65-67; col.55 lines 4-23); and a communication terminal apparatus connectable to the navigation unit and the communication network and operable to enable information to be supplied to the navigation unit from the Internet by way of the communication network and to enable service information to be supplied to the navigation unit by use of said unique ID from the service server by way of the Internet and the communication network (col.34 lines 36-62; col.35 lines 1-15), in which the communication terminal apparatus and the service server can access the navigation unit only through the authentication server (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20; col.14 lines 11-49; col.26 lines 65-67; col.55 lines 4-23), and in which said service information indicates update data for map information is available for the navigation unit, and

wherein the service server supplies to the navigation unit update data for the map information responsive to a request for the update data for the map information transmitted over the communication network by the navigation unit (col.20 lines 60-68; col.32 lines 49-67; col. 34, lines 20-34; col. 40, lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col. 44 lines 32-39).

While Kolls clearly discloses the requesting and downloading of updates including those relevant to geographical location and other map data throughout his specification (see col.34 lines 20-34; col.40 lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col.44 lines 1-39, 56-64; col.45 lines 52-60), Kolls fails to particularly point out where that that update data requested by the specified electronic appliance and transmitted to the appliance only includes one or more differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information.

Ando discloses a map data processing apparatus, method and system whereby map data storage within a vehicle's GPS may be updated using the latest map data transmitted from an information center whereby the information transmitted to the GPS is differential data indicative of difference between the latest data held by the center and the map data held by the vehicle (GPS) (see Abstract; Figures 3-4; col.6 line 60 thru col.7 line 17).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include within Kolls the updating of a GPS's map data through the transmission of differential data as described in Ando to provide for updated route information while reducing transmission time.

Regarding **claim 18**, Kolls discloses a navigation device to which is assigned a unique identification, the navigation device comprising (col.3 lines 45-67): a wireless communication terminal operable to transmit and receive information over a communication network (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20); and a control unit including a processor, wherein the processor is operable to use service information received at the wireless communication terminal from a service providing system to realize at the navigation device a predetermine service provided by the service providing system (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20), wherein the service providing system has functions for providing the predetermined service and storing the unique identification for the navigation device to which service can be provided, for allowing access to the navigation device only when the navigation device has been authenticated, for registering the unique identification assigned to the navigation device, for using said unique identification to provide access to a specified service (global appliance/internet appliance), via the communication network, from the service providing system to the navigation device and for transmitting specified service information which has a predetermined content for realizing the specified service, to the navigation device (uniquely identify and transfer information) (col.3 line 45 thru col.4 line 20; col.14 lines 11-49; col.26 lines 65-67; col.55 lines 4-23), wherein said specified service information indicates update data for map information is available for the navigation device, and wherein the update data for the map information is transmitted from the service providing system over the communication network to the navigation device responsive

to a request for the update data for the map information transmitted from the wireless communication terminal over the communication (col.20 lines 60-68; col.32 lines 49-67; col. 34, lines 20-34; col. 40, lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col. 44 lines 32-39).

While Kolls clearly discloses the requesting and downloading of updates including those relevant to geographical location and other map data throughout his specification (see col.34 lines 20-34; col.40 lines 13-25, 54-58, 65-67; col.44 lines 1-39, 56-64; col.45 lines 52-60), Kolls fails to particularly point out where that that update data requested by the specified electronic appliance and transmitted to the appliance only includes one or more differences between updated map information and a previous version of the map information.

Ando discloses a map data processing apparatus, method and system whereby map data storage within a vehicle's GPS may be updated using the latest map data transmitted from an information center whereby the information transmitted to the GPS is differential data indicative of difference between the latest data held by the center and the map data held by the vehicle (GPS) (see Abstract; Figures 3-4; col.6 line 60 thru col.7 line 17).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to include within Kolls the updating of a GPS's map data through the transmission of differential data as described in Ando to provide for updated route information while reducing transmission time.

Conclusion

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Tamara Teslovich whose telephone number is (571) 272-4241. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Emmanuel Moise can be reached on (571) 272-3865. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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